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The list which comes nearest the correct solution as decided by the general vote will win the prize.

The contest will last each week from Monday to Saturday. Results will be announced in the "*China Mail*" every Wednesday, when the winner's name will be published along with the correct list.

Every copy of the "*China Mail*" will contain one form giving the reader one try for the prize. Regular readers will thus have not less than six tries in one week.

Forms should be sent in as early as possible to help the judging. Any forms received by the "*China Mail*" later than Monday will be discounted. Any forms mutilated, indistinctly written or improperly marked will also be ruled out.

The decision of the Editor upon any points which may arise shall be final. Members of the "*China Mail*" staff are debarred from entering the contest.

The first contest begins to-day with the form given below and ends next Saturday. Thereafter contests will last, as stated above, from Monday to Saturday, the result being announced each succeeding Wednesday.

### MAKE YOUR CHOICE HERE.

Below we name twenty different forms of outdoor recreation. Select the ten you think the most popular.

- |                |              |
|----------------|--------------|
| 1. Association | 11. Hockey   |
| 2. Angling     | 12. Polo     |
| 3. Baseball    | 13. Racquets |
| 4. Badminton   | 14. Riding   |
| 5. Basket Ball | 15. Rugby    |
| 6. Bowls       | 16. Rowing   |
| 7. Cricket     | 17. Shooting |
| 8. Cycling     | 18. Swimming |
| 9. Croquet     | 19. Tennis   |
| 10. Golf       | 20. Yachting |

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To the Editor  
*China Mail*,  
Hongkong.

Sir,  
I consider the following the ten most popular forms of outdoor recreation placed in the order in which I like them best:—

Please write clearly in block letters.

1. ....
2. ....
3. ....
4. ....
5. ....
6. ....
7. ....
8. ....
9. ....
10. ....

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## The China Mail.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, SEPT. 1, 1923.

### THE KING'S VOICE.

Now experiences are what make life worth living someone has said; the undying interest of the something different being of the spice of life. It has been, and will be to those who have yet to gain it which they can do at trifling cost, a new experience to hear a gramophone record. Nothing more and nothing less. The hearing of a record with the reproduction of a speech made by His Majesty the King last Empire Day was undoubtedly a new experience. The pity of it (I judge) that there were no records in the days of say, Julius Caesar, Cicero, Demosthenes, Pitt, and the other great ones. How illuminating to students of character under stress to hear how Nero spoke for posterity, or to catch Caligula's actual comments on family problems! How one would like to hear that great opening of "Paradise Lost" fall from Milton's tongue! Hearing Cicero, one would know how Latin was actually spoken by the great orator. There were those who said that the machine was not in their day. It is a funny, straightforward and simple message that the King spoke to be broadcasted to his people in all parts of the world. Were there no other proof, we should know that here is a Man. With these words the message ends—

Get knowledge, be brave, honourable, and kind, thinking of others before yourselves, and always play the game. So will you fit yourselves to hand down

this community of free nations to your children and grandchildren, as a great instrument for justice, peace, and good-will, which will deserve the respect and esteem of mankind.

There surely is wisdom and good counsel. We are apt to speak lightly of official utterances by royal persons. We forget that one word indiscreet or misplaced may open sores and plunge us again into the fierce disease of war. The message from beginning to end is in pure crisp, excellent English. It is not for a moment suggested that the King is an orator. He is not. When one has such weighty things to say the tricks of oratory would be dubious and unsafe. Lincoln at Gettysburg is a case in point. The King in this message, as in all things, is a man of enormous responsibility and unprejudiced influence, who knows his own mind with a mind well-balanced and sound. Here is the chosen Leader of a great people speaking his real thought. Hearing the message one understands why an out-and-out democrat and champion of Labour like Mr. George Lansbury should still stand for the retention of the British Monarchy. The speech is the speech of the First Citizen of a great Empire. It is the speech of a man who adorns a great position. It brings home the essential solidarity of the British Empire as nothing else has since the war. Here is earnest of a supreme will to go on. And goodness always has been, and now, always must be, the greatest thing in the world. Read that part of the message quoted. Let it sink in; then apply it.

#### A Strange Belief.

At Wednesday's hearing of the attempt to murder charge against the chauffeur formerly employed by the Hongkong Hotel Co., the Sikh

watchman who was the complainant, stated in evidence that he was stabbed in the right side at Shaokwan Road after which he pulled the dagger out of his side and made his way to Canaway Bay where he collapsed near the French Convent Hospital. In connection with that part of the statement which refers to his pulling out the dagger, there is a common belief among Oriental nations which is interesting. The belief may be correct according to medical people but some strange anecdotes are related about it. Chinese especially think that if a person is stabbed one should not pluck the weapon out till medical assistance is at hand. They think that if an open wound is exposed the air will get into the body and will soon prove fatal. Their aversion to operations is not due to mistrust but to the same reason that no matter how skillful the surgeon may be, contact between one's interior and the air is dangerously harmful. An account of a street fight over twenty years ago helps to illustrate the point. Then arms were scarce in the Colony and daggers were used instead. A bitter feud existed between natives of the Tung Kwan and Sze Yip districts, resident in Hongkong. It is recorded that one ringleader inflicted a sudden blow on an adversary, the dagger penetrating to a depth of about eight inches. The man who was attacked is said to have ignored the weapon which was protruding from his side and to have chased his enemy along half the length of Hollywood Road catching him up near the Tung Wah Hospital. On closing with his assailant, the man who was covered in blood, drew the dagger from his side, stabbed his adversary and managed to pull out the weapon again. The rivals died within a minute with their arms entwined. It was thought at the time that nothing extraordinary had occurred the explanation being that the man who was first stabbed purposely left the dagger in his body till he caught his enemy. As he knew what would happen he took care to withdraw the weapon as soon as he struck his blow feeling that he would expire because of his pulling the dagger out.

#### China's Old Game

At the time of the Linchong outrage, the world was told that the Powers were unanimous in their determination to bring the Central Government of China to book for the indignities suffered by the captives. In course of time, the Corps Diplomatique presented their demands through the Dutch Minister, who is Doyen in Peking. Among the demands were the installation of railway police under foreign officers. For reasons best known to herself China described this as a British scheme. The vernacular papers in Peking and Tientsin have lost no opportunity to impress upon their readers that the scheme was organised by Great Britain so that her nationals could obtain a stranglehold on China's trade. It is an old game of China to play off one Power against the other and from present indications there appears likelihood that, on account of recent propaganda against Great Britain, once again her game will prove successful. At any rate, Peking despatches indicate that both the American and Japanese Ministers, despite the original Note to China, have received instructions from their Home Governments to urge that the so-called British scheme be modified. One exclusive message to the *Daily Bulletin*, dated Peking, August 20, reads:—

The Diplomatic Corps Railway Police Committee, consisting of the Ministers of America, Great Britain, Belgium, France, Italy, Japan and the Netherlands, met at the Dutch Legation this morning. No official statement has yet been given out, and the utmost reticence is being observed in view of past leakages; but it is understood that the Japanese Minister, acting under instructions from his Government, presented Japanese modifications of the so-called British scheme. These are in accordance with the Cabinet discussion of the matter wired from Tokyo. It is also reported that Dr. Schramm gave views which are to the effect that the plan should be of the nature of a suggestion or advice to the Chinese Government, and not in the form of demands.

The only chance of China being set on her feet again, is by the unanimous action of the Powers. If the Home Governments instruct their Ministers to give ground when once terms have been agreed upon, China will miss no opportunity to play off one against the other.

#### To-day's Poem.

O for a booke and a shady nooke,  
Either in doore or out,  
With the greene leaves whisp'ring  
overhead  
Or the stroke cries all about;  
Where I maie read all at my ease  
Both of the newe and elde.  
For a jollie good booke whereon to  
look  
Is better to me than gold.

—AKON.

### SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised  
In The Mail.

#### ENTERTAINMENTS.

September 1.—Coronet Theatre; Mabel Normand in "Molly O."  
September 1.—Star Theatre; Louise Glaum in "The Lone Wolf's Daughter." 2.30 p.m. Buffalo Bill.

September 1.—World Theatre; Hoot Gibson in "Shooting for Love," also New Leather Pushers No. 11.

September 2.—Star Theatre; Anna Stewart in "Playthings of Destiny."

#### SOCIAL.

September 1.—Carnival at the Hongkong Hotel and special Dinner Dansant in the Grill Room, from 8 p.m. to mid-night.

#### AUCTIONS.

September 3.—Lammert Bros., at the Koon Kau Machinery Firm, No. 420 Reclamation St., Yauwatt, 2 turning machines and one cutting machine with shafting, belting and accessories 2.30 p.m.

September 4.—Lammert Bros., at Holt's, Wharf, Kowloon, five A. E. G. electric motors with accessories, one set rails, and one air-cooled starter for each motor, 11 a.m.

September 6.—Lammert Bros., at Kowloon-Canton Railway, Locomotive Yard, Hungghom, (Kowloon), a quantity of miscellaneous stores, 11 a.m.

#### MEETING.

December 12.—Meeting of Unsecured Creditors of the Hongkong Branch of the Banque Industrielle de Chine, at the City Hall, 3 p.m.

### AS THE BETTER HALF THINKETH.

The other day  
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With a wonderful girl.

She told me in a casual way  
What she required of her friend  
husband—  
And this is only part of what she said:

No'er a short-story man  
Who finishes life at altar—  
Instead, a stirring serial.

"No summer flower  
To bloom upon the honeymoon,  
But a perennial of oak."

"A gentleman at core  
But this alone is not enough,  
The outward signs as well he must possess."

"You know we have ideals  
But close at hand our senses reign  
supreme;  
Yes, even with our disillusionment."

"The dress is not, the only thing  
I note when they're in love they're  
groomed so very well—  
'Twas so when mine was a hurting  
me."

"If drinking makes him more re-  
fined  
Why then it's right to drink;  
But otherwise go off the stuff for  
life."

"For manly sports he should go in  
And take him out of doors;  
Be not a slave of shop."

"Oh, yes, I like shop talk  
If 'tis the same his steno listens to:  
Of profits, not all losses."

"To pay my bills with airs that he  
puts on  
When meeting debts of honor.  
Or monthly chits at club."

To be a good provider—  
Or a good husband—that I know  
Is but a duty. Don't you see?"

"He should be something more—  
Well, say, a lover and a friend—  
A gallant first of all to me!"

"Then other girls  
In admiration will be 'green'  
'Tis this that adds a zest to life."

"Respectful to his wife of course  
But this alone would make him very  
dull  
He should then be my hero too."

"To treat my friends as his  
And his to let me treat as mine;  
And that's the kind of man to love  
for life."

"The others well,  
They make a good wife wicked  
and—  
A bad one but respectable!"

Boy!  
All same,  
Large glass!

—JOHN KYOTO.

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### AS YOU LIKE IT.

WEEK END SHREDS AND PATCHES.

#### BEDS.

Continuing and concluding our research we find that when folding beds were folded up for the day, they held a mirror in their false fronts and were looked upon as quite imposing. A folding bed in a room was the most conspicuous object for miles around. It hit you in the eye the moment you opened the door, and if you sat down in a chair it seemed to topple over and rest on your chest. These beds were frequently disguised, but they never fooled anybody in the day time. They did that at night. One of the more modern versions of the folding bed is the in-a-door kind. You start for the bedroom and it comes out to meet you. If you occupy a room containing one of them, half the time you can't make out whether you are going out or the bed is coming in and after it has dropped down on you carelessly a couple of times, you don't much care. There is also a disguised bed in the get-up of a library table. It has fake drawers and a literary veneer, and if you place a lamp and a few books on it, it looks almost human. Only don't try to open the drawer. We did that once, looking for a dictionary. Instead of a dictionary, we got a mattress.

"I remember Vachell, the HONGKONG novelist," says Mr. Hocking in his book of "Memories," telling us of a man he met in a small town in California (San Bernardino, I think). Like many another Californian, he thought his town the centre of the universe. "You are from the old country, I guess?" he said to Vachell. "That is so," was the reply. "You know London?" "Yes, Paris?" "Yes, Fine cities, I presume?" "Yes, very fine. Ah, yes, so I've heard. But remote."

#### APPLAUSE.

That distinguished diplomat, Lord Frederic Hamilton, has written more than one highly entertaining volume of reminiscences; and in "The Days Before Yesterday," he tells some really excellent stories. Here is one that concerns the Gordon Highlanders: "The last time that I was in Calcutta, the Gordon Highlanders had just relieved an English regiment in the fort, and on the first Sunday after their arrival 400 Gordon Highlanders were marched to parade service at St. Andrew's. The most optimistic mosquito had never in his wildest dreams imagined such a succulent banquet as that afforded by 400 bare-kneed, kilted Highlanders, and the mosquitoes made the fullest use of their unique opportunity. Soon the church resounded with the vigorous clapping of hands on bare knees and thighs, as the men endeavoured to kill a few of their little tormentors. The minister, hearing the loud clapping, but entirely misapprehending its purpose, paused in his sermon, and said: "My brethren, it is verily gratifying to a minister of the Word to learn that his remarks meet with the approbation of his hearers, but I'd have you remember that all applause is strictly out of place in the House of God."

#### BETTING.

There may still be a curious entry in the old betting book that was once in use at White's Club where played ruled high and many strange wagers were laid in eighteenth century days: "Lord Mountford bets Sir John Bland twenty guineas that Beau Nash outlives Gibber," so runs the record. Both Mountford and Bland committed suicide in the same year, 1755; Gibber died in 1757, and Nash survived until 1761. Lord Mountford reduced even his natural affections to the doctrine of chances. When asked, soon after his daughter's marriage, if she was with child, he replied: "Upon my word I don't know, I have no bet upon it." Horace Walpole said of him: "He himself, with all his judgment in bets. I think, would have betted any man in England against himself for self-murder." Having lost large sums of money, Mountford applied for the governorship of Virginia, or, failing that, the mastership of the Royal Buckhounds. Both posts were refused him. Thereupon he consulted several people—indirectly at first, afterwards pretty directly—on the easiest mode of flushing life; supped at White's, and played whist till one o'clock of New Year's morning. When Lord Robert Bertie drank to him "A Happy New Year" he appeared unaccountably affected. In the morning he sent for a lawyer and three witnesses, executed his will, made them read it twice over, paragraph by paragraph, then asked the lawyer if it would stand good, though a man were to shoot himself. On being assured it would, he said: "Pray stay while I step into the next room," went into the next room, and—shot himself.

HEARD IT Old Irishwoman BEFORE! "How much are them plums?" Greengrocer: "I'll let you have a pound for 'em." Old Irishwoman: "Shure, is it a bird you're thinking I am?"

### Living wage: Adjectival noun, first person, common number, pessimistic mood, objective case, governed by want.

Bills: Very common noun, plural number, first person, imperative mood, hard case.

Money: Common need, most singular number, second or third person as a rule, hard case, governed by the verb "work."

Rent: Improper noun, and case, imperative mood, haunted by the adjectival noun "Landlord."

Artistic circles in Paris, according to the cable messages, have been stirred by discoveries regarding the so-called restoration of "faked" statues. We used to believe implicitly in the ability of experts to distinguish between "old masters" and colourable imitations of them, until a few years ago we read of the discovery of prehistoric paintings found in a cave on the Cornish coast. Experts from all parts of England examined them and pronounced them undeniably genuine. But an old boatman turned up inopportunely and explained that he had cleaned his paint brushes on the cave wall the last time he painted his boat! Then our faith in the experts, which had remained unshaken by the lamentable result of the antiquarian researches of the Pickwick Club, gave way, and we became sceptic.

#### EXPERTS.

Sir Henry Robinson, who has a long experience of Dublin Castle, has recently published a volume of "Memories: Wise and Otherwise." Amongst other entertaining things he describes the capacity of various Chief Secretaries in surviving a too generous hospitality in the course of their travels. Mr. Birrell, he says, had a wretched head for it, and used to drink by deputy in the person of his private secretary. The private secretary in question was a long, lean Welsh Nonconformist, imbued with strict temperance principles, very clever and biddable, and with a profound conviction that it was his duty to stand between his chief and all harm; thus, towards the close of any visit when the parish priest produced the inevitable whisky bottle and tumblers and poured out a brimming goblet worthy of a Cabinet Minister, Birrell, with an air of joyful anticipation, would seize it, and raising it to his lips, pledge the parish priest and then hand it on to the secretary. "Here you are, my boy, you are a better judge than I am of this; down with it and tell me exactly what you think." The secretary, in duty bound, would gulp it down, and with choking throat and nose snorting whisky fumes, would manage to blurt out to Birrell, who was waiting his verdict with the semblance of the greatest anxiety, that it seemed to him to be a very powerful and stimulating fluid. The private secretary usually had to be helped to the motor-car after these visits!

#### MORAL PLAIN.

Mongoose and the Inquisitive Man is not new, but every body has not heard it. A man was seated in a tramcar, a basket on his knee. Beside him sat the Inquisitive Man, who said: "Say, stranger, do you mind telling me what you've got in that basket?" "Not in the least," was the reply. "It's a mongoose." The Inquisitive Man thought for a moment, then he said: "What are you going to do with the mongoose?" "Well," answered the Man with the Basket, "my brother is very ill with delirium tremens. He sees all sorts of snakes—pink snakes, green snakes, yellow snakes, blue snakes. I'm taking the mongoose to him to kill the snakes." The Inquisitive Man thought again, then he said: "But, stranger, they're not real snakes." "No," replied the man with the Basket, "and this is not a real mongoose!"

#### HOW ABOUT INTELLIGENCE TEST?

YOU? class of schoolboys, almost old enough to sit for the "junior" examination. "A man and his wife entered their pew in church—a nice secluded pew screened from the prying eyes of other members of the congregation. As the sermon advanced the man dozed; his head bent slowly forward; he dreamt he was in Paris and being led to the guillotine for execution. Just as the knife was about to fall his wife, to rouse him, drew her fan lightly across his neck. The man collapsed and died. Medical opinion does not dispute the probability of the occurrence. What is the flaw in the story which proclaims its truth?" About half the class failed to return the correct answer. Try it on your own family.

#### REPARTEE.

Mr. G. B. Burgin has written more than sixty novels. He has also written two books of reminiscence, the second of which, "Memories (and Some Travels)" the following stories are taken: "That unrivalled delegate of the Clarendon Press, J. M. Bywater, a great smoker, was accustomed to tell of a repartee of Pio Nono to Cardinal Antonelli: Pio Nono, conversing with the Cardinal, lit a cigarette, and handed it to the Cardinal, who said: 'You know, Holiness, that I have not that vice.' 'You know, Eminence,' replied the Pope, 'that if it were a vice you would have it?' And here is Burnett Smith's story of the Convivial Soul, who returned home late from his club one night: 'When he knocked at his door a window opened and, in acidulated tones, his wife asked him where he had been. 'Been at the Club, my love, dish-kussin the Strike.' 'Then,' said she, 'you may sit on the doorstep till to-morrow morning and study the lock-out.' Both the above anecdotes provide admirable examples of the gentle art of repartee; but Whistler's rebuke to a young aristocrat who adopted an air of condescension towards the artist, was more subtle than either of them. 'You know, Mr. Whistler,' remarked the infatuated youth, 'I passed your house this morning.' 'Thank you,' said Whistler, quietly, 'thank you very much.' One of Mr. Burnett Smith's stories concerns Kipling's popular, if not very literary achievement, 'The Absent-minded Beggar.' 'The story is told of a gifted lady, who recited it on a public platform. In order to give more reality to the poem, she had her three little boys with her, and impressively placed her hand on the head of each child when she came to the line: 'Duke's son, Cook's son, son of a Belted Earl. Instead of the expected applause, there sounded an indignant voice from the gallery. 'Then you ought to be jolly well ashamed of yourself, min!'

### WATER POLO.

ROUGH PLAY SPOILS MATCH.

[By Argus.]

At the V.R.C. swimming pool last night two matches in the Hongkong Water Polo League were decided. Unfortunately, in the first game the King's second team were without Harris in goal and Hughes at back. In consequence the Kowloon Boys' School Former Pupils' Association had little difficulty in winning by 10 goals to nil. In the first half, Raitton found the net on three occasions. Early in the second half, after a foul against the King's, Raitton added a fourth point. Rasmussen, with a long shot, scored the fifth; Raitton the next two; Pearne, Jack and Duncan adding the last three in the order named. Teams:—

K. B. S. F. P. A.:—Angus (goal); Raitton, Hyde (backs); Rasmussen (half-back); Pearne, Jack, H. Duncan (forwards).  
King's (B):—R. Jones (goal); Broadwell, Carlin (backs); Potter (half-back); Boyle, O. Jones, Newsholme (forwards).  
Referee: Mr. J. C. Finch.

#### THE SECOND GAME.

In the game between the U.A.C. and the V.R.C., rough play gained the upper hand and what should have proved an instructive display developed into a regrettable spectacle. Before the game ended, Sewell and R. C. Witchell of the V.R.C. team and Mason of the U.A.C. were ordered out of the water by the referee for wilful fouls under rule 15.

In the first half a penalty was given against each side, but both Laing and Busschaert appeared to have misunderstood the decision and failed to throw at the goal. In the second half of the match each side made amends by scoring from a penalty. In the first half, Busschaert scored on four occasions for the V.R.C. The U.A.C. side appeared to go all to pieces after failing to take advantage of the penalty and lacked their usual combination. After the re-start Lyon added a fifth for the V.R.C. Busschaert hit in a pass from Lyon, making the score 6-0. A penalty was then given against the V.R.C. from which Mason scored, Sewell being ordered out of the water. No sooner had the last-named re-entered the pool, than Witchell came under the ban of the referee and was ordered to retire. When he was away, Laing made the score 6-2, a few seconds later adding a third. Play was then transferred to the other end, where Mason was ordered out of the water, Busschaert scoring the seventh and final goal. The V.R.C. won on their merits by 7-3, the fouling honours being fairly equally distributed.

The teams:—  
U.A.C.:—Garrod (goal); Mason, Razavet (backs); Leonard (half-back); Logan, Laing, Pereira (forwards).  
V.R.C.:—Knight (goal); Sewell, R. C. Witchell (backs); Watson (half-back); Lyon, Stewart, Busschaert (forwards).  
Referee: Mr. J. C. Finch.

The defeat of the U.A.C. last night was their second reverse in the League, the R.G.A. (A) having defeated them by 2-0 on Thursday night. The V.R.C. and R.G.A. (A) have neither suffered a reverse up to date.

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## WILLIAM POWELL, LTD.

## EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD TO-DAY.

At noon to-day, at the offices of the Hongkong Hotel Co., 12 Des Voeux Road, an extraordinary meeting of shareholders in William Powell, Ltd. was held. The meeting was called to consider and, if thought fit, pass the subjoined resolution, namely:—

"That the Capital of the Company be increased to \$350,000 by the creation of 29,000 new shares of the nominal value of \$7 each and that such new shares be issued at such time or times, in such manner, and upon such terms and conditions in every respect as the Company's Board of Directors may decide."

After Mr. A. A. Mortimore, the Secretary, had read the notice convening the meeting, the Chairman, Mr. R. L. Bridger, addressed the shareholders as follows:—

Gentlemen:—As indicated in the Notice, which has just been read by the Secretary, this Meeting has been convened for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing a simple resolution to increase the present capital of the Company. The present capital, as you know, is \$147,000 consisting of 21,000 shares of a par value of \$7 per share. You are now asked to sanction the increase of such capital by the creation of an additional 29,000 shares of the par value of \$7 per share.

Your directors have been approached by the directors of Messrs. Lane, Crawford Ltd. with the proposal for the sale to this company of Powell Building. Your directors consider that the price at which the property is offered, having regard to present land values, an advantageous one, and furthermore that it is in the interest of the company that they should own the property on which their shops are situated and thus place them in a stronger position as owners instead of being merely lessees of property, thereby safeguarding the continuity of the company's business at its present premises which is a very important factor having regard to the central position they now occupy. If the purchase is completed, the price of the purchase price will be paid for in shares of the company and as all the present capital of the company has been issued it is necessary to ask for an increase thereof. As indicated in the notice just read to you the shares will be issued at such time or times and on such terms in every respect as your directors may think fit and in this relation for your information I would mention that it is the present intention of the Board to issue such shares at a premium.

If the resolution for increase is approved your directors will have at their disposal, whether the purchase is completed or not, a reserve of unissued capital for any purpose that the interests of the Company may call for.

The meeting was in progress when we went to press.

## TYPHOON VICTIMS.

## MEMORIAL SERVICE HELD AT CATHEDRAL.

At St. John's Cathedral last evening an impressive memorial service, for those who lost their lives in the last typhoon, was held. Among those present were His Excellency the Governor (Sir Edward Stubbs, K.C.M.G.), with his A.D.C., Capt. R. Neville, Sir William Rees Davies, Commodore and Mrs. Grace, Hon. Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher and Mrs. Fletcher, Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock and Mrs. Pollock, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Commander Beckwith, Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, Mr. R. Sutherland, Capt. Wheeler, Capt. Jowitt (the master of the ill-fated "Loong Sang") and many officers of the mercantile marine, for whom special seating accommodation had been provided.

The service was conducted by the Rev. H. Copley Moyle and the Rev. G. T. Waldegrave, the former offering a special prayer for those who lost their lives, mentioning particularly the officers of the "Loong Sang," and the latter reading the lesson.

The choir rendered an anthem and the congregation joined in the singing of the hymns "Peace, Perfect Peace" and "Eternal Father Strong to Save," and Psalm No. 39.

At the conclusion of the service the organist, Mr. Temple Bevan, played the Dead March in Saul.

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during the hot months of the year by keeping the system clean and the blood cool. Used occasionally when needed to dispel constipation, aid the liver, relieve bloating and indigestion, prevent diarrhoea and dysentery. Before every meal, eat Pinkettes, or one of each, or one per meal, from the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., 60 Kingston Road, Shanghai.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

## ROUND TABLE CONFERENCE.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]

Dear Sir,—I forward to you herewith copy of translation of a telegram which I have received from General Tang, Chi-yun, Tachun of Yunnan, with reference to the proposal for a round-table conference. This telegram may be of interest to your readers.

Yours faithfully,  
R. Ho Tung.  
Hongkong, September 1.

Sir Robert Ho Tung,

Dear Sir,—I have already sent you a telegram in reply to your kind letter. (The telegram referred to, for some reason which remains to be explained, has not reached Sir Robert Ho Tung). It has for years been my wish to have a conference. Now, your proposal to convene the principal leaders with a view to jointly securing the peaceful unification of China, shows that the aim you cherish and the principles you adopt coincide with mine. I, therefore, besides expressing myself very strongly in favour of your proposal, am willing to follow you and the others and earnestly hope to see the early realisation of the proposal.

With best regards,  
I am,  
Yours sincerely,  
(Signed) TANG CHI-YUN.

## NURSING HOME.

## WAR MEMORIAL SCHEME.

## INCORPORATING THE TRUSTEES.

A draft is published in the Government Gazette of a bill to be introduced at next Thursday's meeting of the Legislative Council providing for the incorporation of the trustees of the War Memorial Nursing Home.

The first trustees are to be Messrs. D. G. M. Bernard, Sir Paul Chater, Mr. G. T. M. Edkins and Mr. A. G. Stephen. The object of this bill is to incorporate the Trustees of the proposed War Memorial Nursing Home in order to enable them to hold immovable property in perpetual succession. The appointment of trustees, and all matters of internal management, such as the majority required for any decision of the trustees and the machinery for the alteration of the constitution are left to be decided in accordance with the constitution of the Nursing Home for the time being.

There is one limitation on the power of the trustees to alter the constitution. It is that the two trustees to the estate of Granville Sharp deceased must always be two of the trustees so long as that estate contributes to the upkeep of the Nursing Home.

## OBITUARY.

## MISS L. VAZ.

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Vaz will learn with regret of the death of their daughter, Miss Lydia Maria Vaz, which occurred shortly after one o'clock yesterday afternoon. Miss Vaz was taken suddenly ill on Friday night with some internal trouble. The family physician ordered her immediate removal to the French hospital, but, despite all that medical science and skilled nursing could do, the young lady, who was only 20, never recovered from the shock of the operation which was found imperative. Miss Vaz was of an exceptionally bright disposition and had a host of friends, whose sympathy will be extended to the family in their sudden bereavement.

The funeral takes place at 5.15 this evening.

## "STOP THIEF."

## CRY FALLS ON DEAF EARS.

As two Portuguese girls were walking down Zetland Street at 9.30 this morning, a Chinese lad, about 14 years of age, made an attempt to snatch a hand-bag from one of them. The other girl grabbed hold of the boy and saved the bag, but the would-be thief wriggled free, and bolted up the hill. Though a cry of "stop thief" was raised, not one of the people, coming down the hill at the time, made the slightest attempt to intercept the youth, who made good his escape.

## Rheumatism.

Have you ever tried Chamberlain's Pain Balm for rheumatism? If not, you are wasting time, as the longer this disease runs on the longer it will take to day apply it with a vigorous massage to the afflicted parts and you will be surprised and delighted at the relief obtained. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

## \$4,000,000 DEAL.

## JARDINE'S EAST POINT PROPERTY.

## RECORD LAND SALE.

## DETAILS OF TRANSACTION.

"Property Jardine Matheson also manager's residence East Point sold Chinese syndicate four million dollars."

So read a *Router* message despatched from London yesterday afternoon. Interviewed about it this morning, Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, the local head of Messrs. Jardine Matheson and Co. Ltd., said that in this particular deal the property was the hill compound at East Point, embracing the two senior residences there and also two small vacant lots outside the main entrance, opposite the police station. The hill is the property of Sir Robert Jardine and the vacant lots belong to the firm.

Mr. Bernard said that the figure mentioned, four million dollars, was about correct—"within a few thousand dollars, at any rate." Discussing the reason of the sale, Mr. Bernard said that the *talpo's* house on Jardine's Hill was only a winter residence and it was thought that the time was coming when the spread of Chinese houses in the neighbourhood and the completion of the Praya East reclamation scheme would detract from its amenities. The *talpo's* house was built some time before 1850 and delivery of it will be given this coming winter.

Mr. Bernard added that a little time ago the firm sold two lots (Nos. 1407 and 1408), situated between Yee Woo Street and Caroline Road, on which Chinese tenement houses stand, at a price of just over \$15 a foot.

This is probably the biggest individual property deal so far put through in Hongkong. It is gathered that the negotiations were arranged by Mr. Choa Po-sien, comprador of the China Sugar Refinery.

## OPIUM.

## SHIP DISCOVERY.

"In the course of a routine search on board the s.s. 'San Nam Hoi' on the night of the 31st," said Mr. J. D. Lloyd, Superintendent of Imports and Exports in Mr. J. R. Wood's court this morning, "Revenue Officers proceeded to a cupboard well-known to the Department as we had success there before. In it they found 41 pots of illicit opium with imitations of Government labels. There were also nine opium lamps and thirteen pipes in the cupboard."

This statement was made when the compradore of the ship was charged in connection with the opium and the labels. Mr. Lloyd explained that the compradore was responsible for everything on the 'tween decks.

On the application of Mr. H. C. Lee, the case was remanded till Friday next, bail being allowed in the sum of \$3,000.

## FLOODS.

## HOUSE COLLAPSED.

Yesterday, one of the houses in Wong Nei Chong village, which had remained erect when the others collapsed during the flood, gave way as the result of weakened foundations.

It is stated that the village people have been instructed by the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs to meet at the Tung Wah hospital to-night when plans for assistance will be discussed.

## JAPAN'S NEW CABINET.

A *Router* message, dated Tokyo, August 31, states that the formation of a Cabinet by Count Yamamoto is progressing, but it is evident now that it must be non-party, as the leaders of the various political parties have definitely declined to enter.

It appears certain that the new ministry will include Baron Goto (Governor-General of Formosa), Mr. Iwaki (leader of the Nationalist Party) and Vice-Admiral Takarabe. Possibly Mr. Iwaki may accept the Foreign Office appointment or Count Yamamoto may double the Foreign Office portfolio with that of Premier.

## POISON AND PELF.

## BAGGAGE DISCOVERY.

Three bottles of Potassium Cyanide with labels marked "40% poison," 3750 counterfeit coins resembling the Canton five-cent piece and four tael of non-Government opium were found by Detective Sergeant Carey of the Water Police in a Chinese passenger's luggage on board the s.s. "Liang Chow" yesterday. The contraband was in the false bottom of a basket.

## TO-DAY'S NEW ADVERTISEMENT.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

## THE Steamship

"ROSANDRA."

FROM TRIESTE, VENICE, SPALATO, BRINDISI, MASSAUA, ADEN, & SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd., at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained. Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 1st inst.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 7th inst., will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 17th inst., or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 7th inst., at 10 a.m. by our surveyors Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

DODWELL & CO., LTD., Agents.

Hongkong, 1st September, 1923.

## TO SECRETARIES OF CLUBS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS.

ALL preliminary notices of forthcoming meetings, lectures and entertainments, sent for insertion in the news columns of the *China Mail*, are charged for at the rate of \$1 each, (as announced in May and June of 1922) providing that they do not occupy more than four lines. In future if this space is exceeded they will be placed in the advertising columns at the prevailing rates.

## NOTICE.

I have admitted Mr. GONELLA as a partner in my business and the same will be carried on under the name and style of Hazeland and Gonella, Civil Engineers, Architects, and Surveyors as from To-day's date.

E. M. HAZELAND,  
33, Queen's Road Central,  
Hongkong, Sept. 1, 1923.

FRENCH LESSONS.—Experienced lady teacher is willing to take a few more pupils. Reply Box No. 1445, c/o "China Mail."

STENO-TYPIST.—French lady stenographer is willing to undertake extra work. Reply Box No. 1446, c/o "China Mail."

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## PUBLIC AUCTION.

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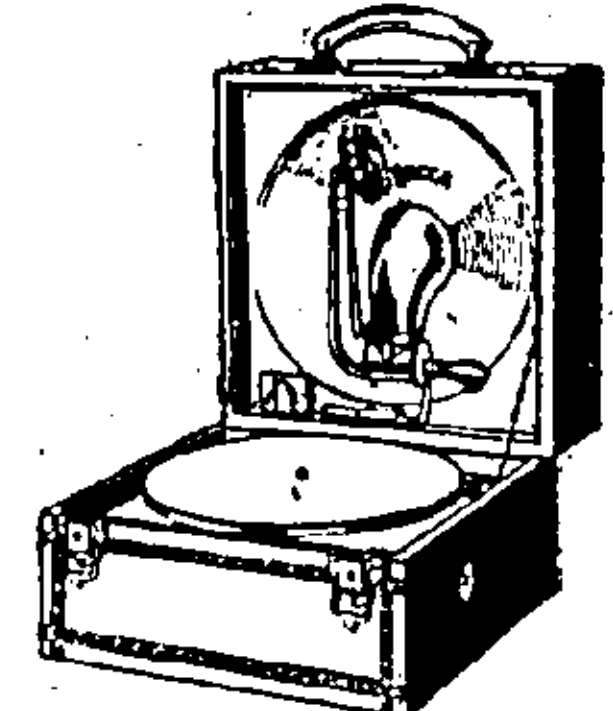
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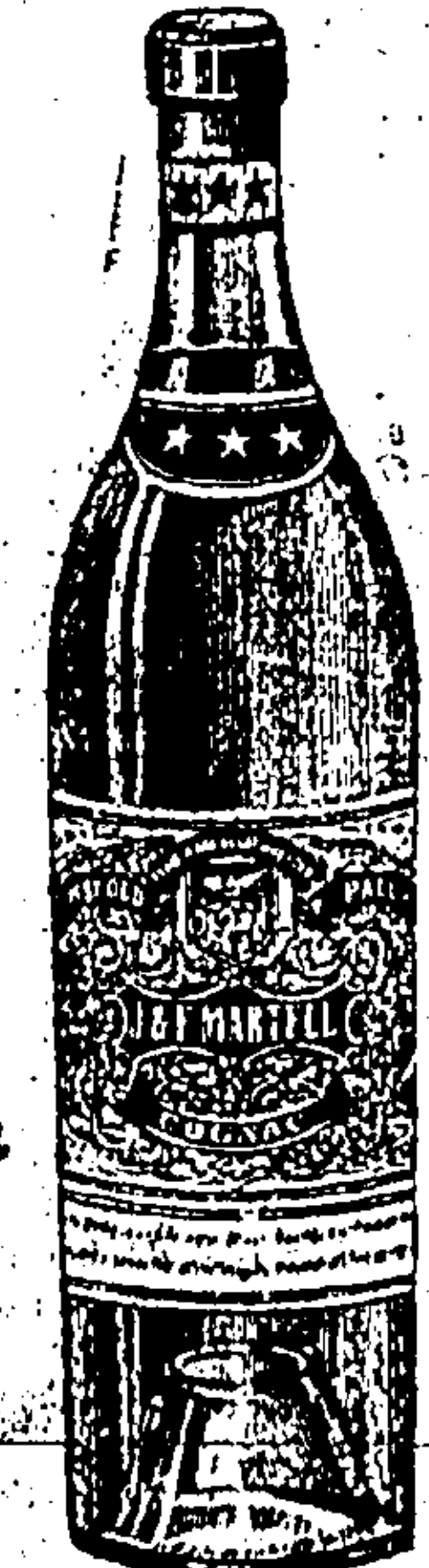
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## FILMS

### PROGRAMME FEATURES.

#### TO-NIGHT.

Coronet, Mabel Normand in  
"Molly O"  
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in "The Lone Wolf's  
Daughter," 2:30 p.m.  
"Buffalo Bill."

#### MARY PICKFORD.

##### CAST IN "POLLYANNA."

Picking a cast for a picture like  
"Pollyanna," which is a dramatiza-  
tion of a best-seller, is one of the  
hardest tasks that confronts the  
motion picture producers, according  
to Mary Pickford.

"Casting an ordinary picture prop-  
erly is difficult enough," said Miss  
Pickford the other day, "but when  
it comes to selecting players for the  
dramatization of a story which is  
known to hundreds of thousands,  
you are up against a mighty trouble-  
some proposition, one that will give  
you many a wakeful night, if you  
are of the worrying kind."

"The thing that stares you in the  
face constantly, is the realization  
that myriads of prospective motion  
picture fans know all about your  
character already, and with their  
imaginings helped out by the  
author's elaborate description, have  
made a living reality of it."

"You can scarcely hope to realize  
all the ideas of these readers, but  
you've got to come pretty close to  
them, or you are going to have  
thousands of tremendously dis-  
appointed patrons whose interest  
is going to lag and whose enthusiasm  
is going to wane the minute the  
picture begins."

"In the case of the ordinary pic-  
ture, the description furnished you  
by the scenario is usually very concise  
and it is not generally overburdened  
with details. 'Enter Helen' it may  
read. 'She is a charming girl of 22'  
and 'Now charming girls of 22 are  
not uncommon' in motion pictures.  
There are generally five or six of  
them sitting around the casting  
director's office waiting to be told

how sorry he is that there isn't an  
opening just then. When Helen is  
finally chosen and when she walks  
into the picture, she faces a group  
of spectators who have not a pre-  
conceived notion about her that will  
interfere with her efforts to make a  
real person out of herself in their  
eyes."

"But if 300 or 400 persons in the  
audience know everything about  
her, as they do about my characters  
in 'Pollyanna,' it is extremely diffi-  
cult to make good, if one hasn't  
lived up to the author's detailed  
description from the very beginning."

"For each of the characters in  
this production, I went through long  
lists of players who had been suc-  
cessful on the screen, to find the  
exact type for each one in the book.  
I wanted them to walk out of the  
pages of the book onto the screen,  
so that everyone would be justly  
satisfied, not only with 'Pollyanna,'  
but with Jimmy Bean, Aunt Polly,  
Dr. Chilton, John Pendleton, Esq.,  
and Nancy."

"Not only were the characters  
chosen with extraordinary care, but  
every detail of the production was  
followed out precisely in the same  
manner, for my whole organization  
realized that not a single error dare  
be made, when we realized that  
millions of people have read this  
wonderful story of the 'Glad Girl.'"

#### "THE FLIRT."

##### COMING TO THE WORLD.

Coming to the World Theatre-  
son is Universal Pictures' Corpora-  
tion's latest Jewel production, "The  
Flirt," a film version of Booth  
Tarkington's famous story of the  
same name. An all-star cast inter-  
prets the various roles.

The title role is played by Eileen  
Percy, with Helen Jerome Eddy as  
the other sister, George Nichols as  
the father and Buddy Messenger as  
the little hump of a brother, are two  
others whose work in this picture  
sheds out prominently.

The story deals with life in an  
average American family, where a  
beautiful daughter, who knows she  
is beautiful, tries to rule the family  
and nearly wrecks it and sends  
father to prison in her longing for  
finery. Advance reports term this  
production a real masterpiece of the  
screen.

### FILM TOPICS.

#### "BONNIE PRINCE CHARLIE."

Mr. Ivor Novello and Miss Gladys  
Cooper have signed contracts to play  
the leading parts as Bonnie Prince  
Charlie and Flora MacDonald respec-  
tively in a film romance of "The  
Young Pretender," to be produced  
immediately by the well-known  
British producers, the Gaumont  
Company, Limited. A large num-  
ber of scenes for "Bonnie Prince  
Charlie" will be filmed in Scotland,  
and Miss Gladys Cooper and Mr.  
Ivor Novello leave for the North  
with the producer at an early date.

One of the most impressive scenes  
in the play will deal with the Battle  
of Culloden, which the producer  
hopes to be able to film on the actual  
battlefield, if it is found to be pic-  
torially suitable, and adequate  
arrangements can be made in such  
an inaccessible spot for dealing with  
the large number of people that will  
be required for this scene.

#### REGINALD DENNY AGAIN.

"The Abyssmal Brute," stars  
Reginald Denny, the handsome  
young Lancashire cinema actor,  
who will be remembered for his  
work in "The Leather Pushers,"  
and "The Kentucky Derby." Like  
the two last-named pictures, "The  
Abyssmal Brute" portrays a man of  
the hardiest type, who knows  
what he wants, and how to get it.

Denny is a young countryman,  
who, coming up to town, develops  
into a prize-fighter. A young society  
lady falls in love with him, but on  
learning his occupation, she is dis-  
gusted by the apparent brutality of  
that method of earning living and  
fame, and transfers her attention  
to a young coxcomb of her own  
class.

The boxer does not take his quit-  
tance papers easily. He goes to her  
house and interrupts a tender scene  
between his sweetheart and the  
young gentleman by the simple  
method of knocking the interloper  
down, and carrying the struggling  
lady away in his arms. He keeps  
her captive until she changes her  
mind, and in a few days the change  
of mind is duly effected.

#### GUY NEWALL'S ACTIVITIES.

Guy Newall, who has hitherto  
always regarded his wherry on the  
Norfolk Broads as a haven of rest  
from his picture activities, in spend-  
ing a working holiday there this  
year.

On a hill, underneath a great oak  
tree, he has pitched a little tent,  
which for the time being he calls his  
"study," and it is here that he  
spends most of his day writing his  
first novel, to be entitled "Every-  
body's Secret," which is to form the  
plot of his next film production.

Although Guy Newall has written  
several successful one-act plays and  
adapted a number of well-known  
novels for the screen, this is his  
first book, and he hopes that its  
publication will synchronise with  
the release of the film.

What is everybody's secret? The  
answer is a very simple one, unfold-  
ed by a wistful story of human  
nature, touched with quaint comedy  
and great pathos. It contains very  
original treatment of a theme, deal-  
ing with the poignant emotions of  
every day life, and a strong appeal  
that plays upon the chords of human  
sentiment.

#### GRANGER'S NEW PROJECT.

Marjorie Hume has been engaged  
to co-star with Victor McLaglen in  
the new Granger-Davidson produc-  
tion, "M'Lord of the White Road,"  
in this film Marjorie Hume appears  
in the picturesque dress of the  
Regency period.

Miss Hume did not commence  
screen work until 1917, but she  
rapidly came to the front and played  
leading parts in numerous films,  
including "The Swindler," "The  
Call of Youth," "Scarlet Kiss,"  
"The Great Day," and "Kitty  
Tailleur."

Her most recent successes were in  
"The Prince of Lovers" (as Lady  
Byron) and "Silent Evidence." These  
last two productions proved that  
as an actress she was at the  
top of the tree.

#### ISOBEL ELSOM.

In the opinion of a well-known  
American dramatic critic, "The  
Outsider," at St. James, is Lou-  
don's best play.

Isobel Elsom has scored a wonder-  
ful success in this production, and  
as a consequence has received offers  
from two American theatres and one  
film-producing company. It is  
said that Miss Elsom has accepted  
one of the theatrical engagements as  
well as the offer to "star" in a film.  
Surprise has been expressed that the  
winning actress, coming straight  
from musical comedy, should have  
achieved such remarkable success in  
"The Outsider."

Miss Elsom, however, attributes  
much of this success to the fact that  
playing in "The Sign of the Cross" and

### MARY PICKFORD'S PLANS.

With the finish of her present  
production, Mary Pickford will  
plunge into a new picture, either  
"Dorothy Vernon of Haddon  
Hall," or "Faust," for both of  
which she has scenarios.

This will be in accordance with  
her plans, as announced early in the  
season, to do two pictures while her  
husband is completing one, thus  
supplying a larger output for the  
Allied Artists' Corporation which  
releases the photoplays for these  
two stars.

It is expected that Jack Pickford  
will soon start production on a new  
film play. At present he is await-  
ing the preparation of a story of the  
Kentucky mountains somewhat  
similar to previous films which  
have proved excellent vehicles for  
him.

#### CHARLIE CHAPLIN.

"The Pilgrim," Chaplin's latest  
comedy, which has been eagerly  
looked for by all exhibitors for some  
time, no longer wanders at large.  
It has found harbourage with Pearl  
Films, who showed it to the trade  
at the Opera House, Kingsway.

This film is four reels of laughs,  
throughout which Chaplin excels his  
previous efforts. To say Chaplin is  
a genius is to say what has already  
been said many times. Mention  
should be made of Edna Purviance,  
who, as his support, is superb.

"The Wandering Jew" demanded  
a great deal of serious work.

#### AN ISLAND STORY.

Whilst preparing the scenario for  
the new George Clark picture,  
"Diana of the Islands," Mr. F.  
Martin Thornton, who will also  
direct the film, is busy searching  
reference books for data concerning  
cannibals, their religions and habits,  
and life in the South Seas. The  
story demands the appearance of  
cannibals in certain scenes, and  
Thornton, in order that every detail  
shall be correct, is making a study of  
a certain tribe in the South Sea  
Islands.

It was suggested that he might  
secure genuine cannibals for the  
film, but Thornton declared he  
would rather not take the risk.  
Special photographs of cannibal  
villages and types have been secured,  
and Mr. Thornton will take his  
company to an uninhabited island  
in order to film the scenes which are  
set in tropical surroundings.

The cannibals Mr. Thornton will  
recruit from the adjacent islands.

### CINEMA CHATTER.

#### Bonnie Prince Charlie Again.

Scotland will again be welcoming  
Bonnie Prince Charlie within a  
week or two, but on this occasion  
the romantic young figure of the  
Young Pretender will appear as a  
film hero in the Gaumont Com-  
pany's romance, "Bonnie Prince  
Charlie," on which the actual work  
of photography has been com-  
menced. A tremendous amount of  
research work has already been  
done, while the producers have been  
waiting for the better weather  
which is essential to photographing  
in the Highlands, and now that it  
shows promise of having come to  
stay, Captain Calvert, the director,  
who has only just finished produc-  
tion of "Lights of London," is busy  
on the work of making the film re-  
cord of the adventures of the  
fascinating young Charles Stuart.  
Considerable curiosity has already  
been aroused as to the identity of  
the players who will be cast for the  
two principal roles of Bonnie Prince  
Charlie and Flora MacDonald. The  
Gaumont Company have made  
special efforts to secure players  
whose ability to make these charac-  
ters live on the screen will appeal  
to the imagination of the world, and  
it is understood their efforts have  
been successful.

#### A Possible Star.

There is evidently a wide range  
in the gamut of emotions possible to  
Miss Watanabe. She has also an  
artistic gift which enables her to  
give a sculptural quality to the  
movements and forms of her poses.  
How is it the screen people have not  
yet discovered this artist? Her  
expressive eyes, carriage, and gen-  
eral movements would seem to  
mark her out as specially gifted for  
motion pictures. She does so extra-  
ordinarily well in those difficult solo  
recitals, it is easily conceivable that,  
properly written for and supported  
in the wonderful manner of the  
cinema, she might prove a figure of  
the first order.

#### In "Young Lochinvar."

Mr. Owen Nares and Miss Gladys  
Jennings, are the principals in the  
"Young Lochinvar" film which is  
at present being produced by the  
Stoll Company in the romantic pre-  
cincts of Stirling Castle.

#### "Fires of Fate."

A prominent Egyptologist, who is  
also well known in film circles, had  
the privilege of seeing Tom Terriss's  
production of "Fires of Fate,"  
and made no secret of his

### THE REAL THING.

To go to a picture and actually  
feel that one was in the environ-  
ment where the scenes were shot is  
a rare experience, and it is all the  
more remarkable when this circum-  
stance arises in connection with life  
in the wild and the hunting of big  
game, thousands of miles away. At  
the trade showing, at the Alhambra,  
of Cherry Kearton's nature film, one  
was absolutely transported from  
Leicester Square to the wide open  
spaces where Nature was the domi-  
nant force, where stark reality, from  
the intense close-ups to the far dis-  
tant blue horizon of mountain tops,  
eased the vista.

"The real thing!" What a thrill  
the three words possess! No studio  
work, no Bronx Zoo, no Regent's  
Park Mappin Terraces, but the  
absolute call of the wild.

It is this type of film, says *The  
Cinema*, which goes to prove the  
transcendent value of the cinema  
camera, and to crown with wreaths  
of laurel those adventurers who, like  
Livingstone, Scott, and Shackleton,  
went forth into the unknown and  
untrodden areas of the world to tell,  
and show, those who live at home,  
at ease, of the majesty and mystery  
of the far beyond. There has re-  
cently been a synchronisation of  
wild animal and nature films, and  
the keen gratification which one  
feels in relation to this latest, where  
killing is *non est*, will without doubt  
find an echo in the hearts of all  
cinemagoers in every part of the  
country.

admiration for the film, classifying  
it as a wonderfully fine film,  
thoroughly justifying the enterprise  
of the Gaumont Company in send-  
ing a company to Egypt to photo-  
graph it. His praise of scenic effects  
and types of characters was repeat-  
ed and unstinted, and finally he  
forecasted a wonderful success for a  
film so remarkably unique and  
essentially different from anything  
in the way of film entertainment  
presented to the public before.

The London County Council  
Theatres Committee has refused to  
allow the exhibition of films "Mar-  
ried Love" and "Beware!"



## BOOKS

## NEW FICTION

## "THE SINS YE DO."

The author of "Good Grain," one of Jean Long's prize novels, has written an absorbing story of a young girl's foolishness in "The Sins Ye Do."

A young schoolgirl of seventeen falls in love with almost the first man she has ever been brought into contact with outside her family. The man, Ronald Ingham, although much older than her, and fully realising her innocence, feels attracted by her youth and beauty and compromises her and hurriedly marries her. A motor accident to father and an unfortunate chain of circumstances part them for years and create a wide breach in their family love. They are finally reconciled and although disowned by her father, Nedding discovers that her husband is the one man in the world for her.

If the author had made Hillier a little less self-centred in his love scenes with Nedding he would have been a somewhat more convincing lover, and we cannot quite agree that a rejected lover would bluster and threaten the lady with her father's wrath and finally threaten physical violence as Neville Fane does. But the story is a most fascinating one and these possible small blemishes in no way mar the excellence of the book.

—C. J. R.

[The Sins Ye Do by Emmeline Morrison. John Long Ltd., 7/- net.]

## "THE GATE OF TEMPTATION."

"The Gate of Temptation" is a tale of Eastern mysticism in the setting of modern London. A young girl, simple, is very susceptible to occult influence and in the unscrupulous hands of her husband, an Egyptian, is used as an instrument to poison a large number of prominent Europeans. The object being to further the dream of releasing the coloured peoples from the thrall they feel the white races hold them in.

A love interest is provided, and the inevitable triangle formed, by Dr. Oliver falling in love with Esmeralda and finally taking her from her husband.

An irritating lack of definiteness

in dealing with the oft-mentioned mystic studies of Esmeralda and his wife makes one feel that the author was more sure of his subject and so concentrated on the somewhat backwaded love theme to the detriment of his tale.

The book makes pleasant reading but after laying it down one feels that a little less grandiloquence and Dr. Oliver, and more of the unscrupulous Mr. Esmeralda would have improved the tale considerably.

—C. J. R.

[The Gate of Temptation by Percy James Brebner. John Long Ltd., 2/- net.]

## MARY OF MANY LOVES.

This is a delightful novel of South Africa. Mary Daventry the beautiful daughter and heiress of a dried fruit merchant who turned a religious fanatic, was forced to marry the straight-laced leader of a religious sect called "The Seekers."

She goes to Africa with her husband and for six years lives a life of bondage on behalf of "The Seekers" until the sudden death of her husband sets her free.

Whilst forming plans for starting life afresh and cutting adrift from religion, a native messenger arrives and persuades her to make a journey up-country to Namoya, Queen of Danda's Kraal. Mary answers the call and treads for days through the unsurpassed scenery of the African veld, arriving in time to find Namoya on her deathbed. In revenge for a white man's seduction of her only daughter, Namoya the Supernatural, wills that Mary be her instrument of revenge and gives to Mary an ancient bracelet of eight rubies and one diamond with instructions that to each lover a jewel be given until the white stone remains, and then to weigh her life and turn back to God to find peace.

The story of Mary's adventures with her lovers takes the reader through Africa, England and then to Greece where the tragic ending to one of her amours gives Mary a shock, makes her weigh her life and finally she finds peace in quiet seclusion behind convent walls.

Although on finishing one feels that much more could have been told about the disposal of the jewels it is a charmingly woven story with an interest that holds one right to the end.

—W. M.

[Mary of Many Loves. Amy T. Baker, John Long Ltd., 7/-.]

## "BAYETTE."

An interesting situation is treated by Mr. G. Heaton Nicholls, who is neither a sensationalist, nor a scaremonger with respectable impartiality. Lobengula slain, his half-Arabic successor in the Kingdom of the Matabele sets out to learn the wisdom of the Whites before again making war upon them, but returns from a Negro College in America with the plan of a great Ethiopian Church, beneath which are concealed the plans of a confederacy of native Africa. On the one side are the whites, now contemptuous, now panic-stricken, superior in all things but in numbers. On the other side are the hordes, mainly savages, suspicious and superstitious, linked only by their reverence for this queer leader, a King, a Bishop, and, it is whispered, a Messiah.

Mr. Nicholls explains and makes sympathetic the rumours of King Bulumbata, and his conspiracy is not devoid of grandeur. He never glosses over what is childish or repulsive in the negro mind, nor falls into the sentimentality which produced in one age the fiction of "a noble savage" and in a succeeding age the fiction that a Bible, an abacus, and an obelisk, of the Royal Family would suffice to make a cannibal a Christian statesman. Mr. Nicholls literary skill is that of the beginner but he brings earnestness and wisdom to his task. Bayette is a story of adventure with excitement sharp and frequent.

—G.

[Bayette. G. Heaton Nicholls. George Allen & Unwin Ltd., 7/6.]

## "THE MISTAKE."

As the title suggests, the plot of this book has its birth curiously caused by an error. Instead of giving an already-prepared telegram for despatch, the hero of the story erroneously tenders a railway porter, on the train in which he is going on a long deferred visit to an old "Varsity" chum in Ireland, another paper substituting that which he intended to send to forewarn his friend. As mistakes seldom occur singly, this one was made only to be succeeded by another. In giving the wrong name of the place he is destined for, he is deposited by a native chauffeur at a stranger's house. The family into which he introduces happens to be of the well-bred, well-educated and intellectual class of the Irish Gentry. A big storm taking place he is forced with great reluctance, to accept their hospitality for a night's lodging. By his endearing qualities, though yet of very short acquaintance, he

is very much liked by his host, and on the morning of his departure, is invited to return for a longer stay. The story goes on from here to describe a mutual love between the hero and a younger daughter of the house, introducing also very interesting sketches of Irish Country Life.

On the whole, the book is quite well-written, but the plot itself is not exceptionally good. It is not evenly-enough woven to cover patches of boredom it unfortunately has: lapses of weakness are especially striking in the latter chapters.

—W. Z.

[The Mistake. C. G. Chatterton, John Long & Co., Ltd., 7/-.]

## THE RED MOON.

A la Mrs. Beeton—Take a pretty girl named Letty, poor but proud; add two men who are desperately eager to marry her; see that one is already married to a demented wife and can prefix Sir to a name; make the other of the strong silent type that runs its bull neck into all manner of scrapes; see that the girl passionately loves the Sir person but cannot wait for him but will try and get to love the other; make sure that she marries the silent one who settles on her a mere £50,000 and that they start out for their honeymoon in a motor car. See that the motor car is like Bob Frommstedt (what a name!) strong and silent, but also make sure that like most mortals it needs a drink and that when darkness sets in the motor refuses to budge; make Bob set out to get some water, leave his bride in the car—and not return for four days. When he does, he is in a bedraggled condition, has a scar on his head, and, conveniently—for this is a mystery story, has lost his memory. Meanwhile arrange that the demented one is found murdered; that she is not the wife of the other chap, but of Bob; introduce chauffeurs who are detectives; footmen who are scoundrels, a mysterious Mrs. Ottaway and a "Mr. Q." Stir and mix well together, spread it over 200 pages, and it becomes an absorbing and mysterious story. Like the Curate's egg "The Red Moon" which is the opposite to a honeymoon is good in parts. Mr. J. Harris Burland sustains interest in his plot almost until the end, and the mind is engaged wondering who did the deed on which misunderstanding takes place. The weak spots are the introduction of the mysterious Mr. A. and the equally so Mrs. Ottaway. Mr. Burland has it in him to write the absorbing and mysterious and a real detective story from

his pen would give immense pleasure.

—GEMES.

[The Red Moon. J. Harris Burland. John Long Ltd., 7/-.]

## "IF RICHES INCREASE."

John Harris was the hard son of a hard father. The Harris family were farmers and their lands had been held in the family name for generations. In his early manhood John's temperament is sours as a result of his being third party to a peculiar agreement drawn up by the family lawyer, under instructions from Stephen Harris the father, and the Vicar of the Parish. Under this forbidding document the son either chooses to marry the Vicar's daughter Mabel Rushworth, and renounce all title to the father's estate, or renouncing her conditional upon the lovers' breaking off their attachment, there and then. The man chooses this latter course, and in later life experiences all the remorse and a sense of loneliness in consequence of his early desire that at any rate he should secure riches rather than thwart his parent's foolish whim, which meant sacrificing a woman's love.

In course of time Harris the elder is gathered to his fathers, the son immediately coming into possession of his own so far as wealth and lands were concerned. For a time the iron will and unrelenting spirit of Harris the younger manifests itself, until the country-side is stirred by the outbreak of War, and a change gradually comes over this man who could almost steel himself against his only surviving namesake—a cousin—George Harris and his family.

Events follow, as the war is responsible for first one claim and then another upon the country's resources. Even farming is conducted under difficulties until the advent of the land-girl. Mabel Rushworth had long since left the Parish of Little Marpleton and had married into a titled if not wealthy family. Before the outbreak of War her daughter unknowingly visits the scenes of her mother's younger days, and during this visit she makes the rich farmer's acquaintance. The big gaps created among agricultural workers, as the war progressed, called forth many of the nation's younger women, and one of the land-girls John Harris was ultimately compelled to employ was none other than the daughter of his first and only love. During the early part of the War John Harris has his own will drawn up, leaving the entire estate to his cousin George's son—Walter, who has obtained a Commission in the

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—J. W.  
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## In English Dress.

Here are a few Chinese proverbs taken from "Gems of Chinese Literature" by Herbert A. Giles (Kelly & Walsh). Most of these wise remarks will be known to the majority of our readers, though for the most part in the Chinese language. To them as well as to our many non-Chinese readers these clever sayings should prove interesting.

If you bow at all, bow low.  
The host is happy when the guest has gone.  
A bottle-nosed man may be a teetotaler, but no one will think so.

Arms are maintained for years, to be used on a single day.  
If you owe a man money, there is nothing like seeing him often.  
Medicine cures the man who is

fated not to die.  
He who has his back to the draught has his face to the grave.  
Losing money is begotten of winning.  
A pretty woman entering a family has the ugly ones for her foes.  
One more good man on earth is better than an extra angel in heaven.  
Gold is tested by fire; man by gold.  
Extraordinary men are ordinary to God.  
If a man keeps his mouth shut his words become proverbial.  
For every man that Heaven creates, Earth provides a grave.  
(Courtesy The Yellow Dragon.)

## In Brief.

If Winter Comes—A. S. M. Hutchinson. People still go on reading this modern Dickensian novel. We once thought it a good book. We still think so—but a new line about it? Read it, then send us one!

Cappy Ricks Retires—Peter B. Kyne. If Cappy continues to be so thoroughly amusing he must never retire.

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## RECENT HEAVY RAINS.

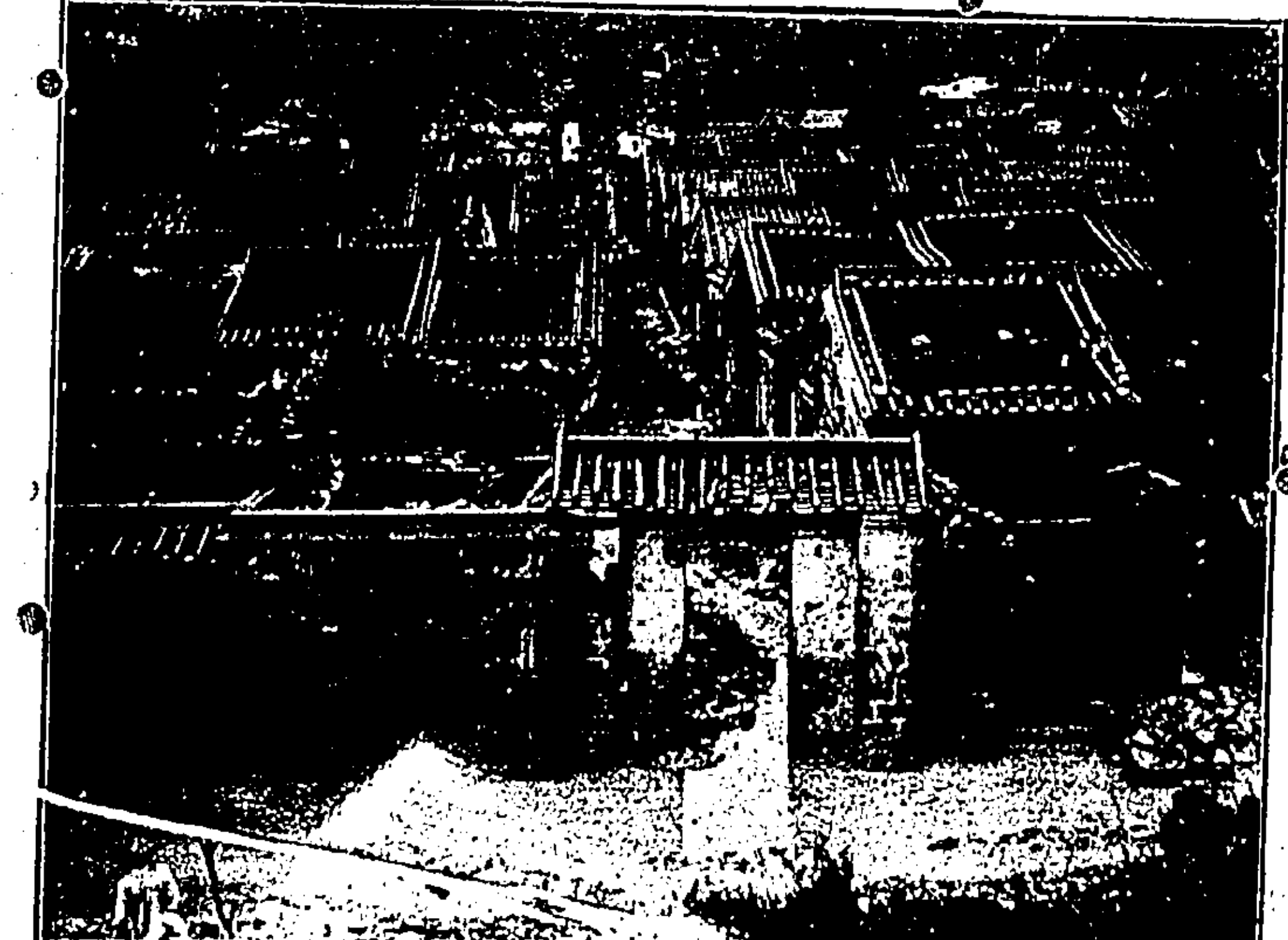
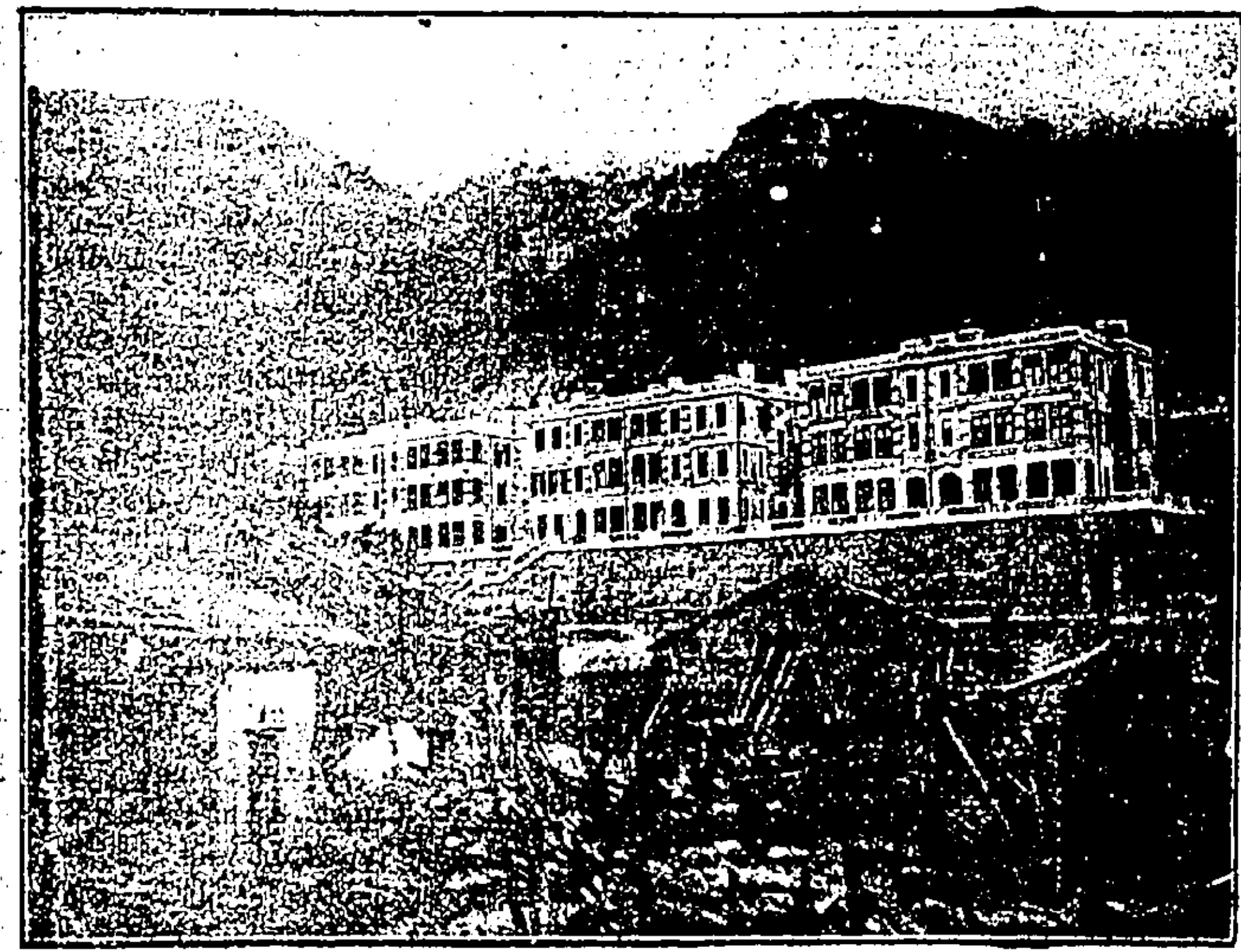
These photographs show the damage done in the Happy Valley district by this week's heavy rains, which caused the collapse of many houses in Wong-nai-chong Village.



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According to the Observatory report 7.97 inches of rain fell during the 24 hours ended 10 a.m. on Wednesday, August 29.

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### DODGING DEBTS. BUSINESS EVIL COUNTERED. NEW BILL TO PREVENT FRAUD.

Described as "of a somewhat exceptional character," a bill is to be introduced at next Thursday's meeting of the Legislative Council which will aim at preventing "certain fraudulent transfers of business."

The following explanation of the objects and reasons of the measure is set out for general information in the current issue of the *Government Gazette*:

This bill, which is of a somewhat exceptional character, is an attempt to combat a form of fraud which has unfortunately become rather common in Hongkong recently. The fraud is this. A firm gets into difficulties, or it finds itself saddled with contracts which have become unprofitable owing to the fall in the market price of the goods contracted to be bought. The firm purports to transfer to a new firm the goodwill and other assets of its business, but not the liabilities. The partners of the transferring firm then disappear. Sometimes the person who was looked upon as the active partner in the old firm re-appears as the manager of the new firm, but he denies partnership in the old firm, asserting that he was only an employee. The creditors are thus left without any remedy.

The bill proposes to attack this evil in the following way. It provides that whenever any business is transferred the transferee shall become and remain liable for the liabilities incurred in the business by the transferor unless and until a certain notice shall have been given. This notice is to be by publication in the *Gazette* and is not to be deemed to be complete until one month shall have elapsed from the date of the publication in the *Gazette*. If proceedings are instituted against the transferee before the expiration of the month the notice shall, for the purpose of those proceedings, be deemed to remain incomplete until the proceedings are finally disposed of. The notice will have to contain the name and address of the transferor, the name and address of the transferee, the address where the transferee proposes to carry on the business, and a statement as to whether the transferee is assuming all the liabilities of the transferor or not. The liability of the transferee will be irrespective of any agreement to the contrary.

A transfer of the assets of a business without the liabilities might of course be made perfectly bona fide, and the partners of the transferring firm might honourably carry out their obligations to their creditors. Clause 3 will offer no real inconvenience in a bona fide case of this kind. If time be not essential the notice of the intended transfer can be given one month before the transfer takes place, and in that event no liability under the section will attach to the transferee. If an immediate transfer be necessary the transferee can retain part of the purchase price or can take an indemnity from the transferor, and at the end of the statutory period of one month the liability of the transferee will cease, unless of course proceedings have been commenced in the mean time.

Sub-clause (4) of clause 3 makes the *Gazette* notice prima facie evidence, against the transferor and transferee, of the statements contained therein.

The bill is rather in the nature of an experiment, but it is asked for by both Chambers of Commerce.

### THE DAMAGED MAIL.

The following particulars of the mail received in Hongkong on August 29, ex s.s. "President Grant"—a mail which had suffered very great damage owing to an outbreak of fire on board the ship—has been forwarded by the Postmaster-General (Mr. R. E. Lindsell):

The mail received by the Post Office from the s.s. "President Grant" comprised 395 bags only out of the 481 bags advised on the Way Bills, the shortage of 86, including 37 bags for Hongkong and 49 for Canton. It is expected, however, that a number of the missing bags will be received on the return of the ship from Manila.

The letter mails were all intact, but the newspaper, and parcel mails were in most cases so badly damaged by fire and water as to make their contents worthless.

The figures for the whole mail for Hongkong and Canton are as follow:

| For           | Advised on Way Bill | Received | Intact | Damaged | Present | Shortage |
|---------------|---------------------|----------|--------|---------|---------|----------|
| Hongkong      |                     |          |        |         |         |          |
| From          |                     |          |        |         |         |          |
| Seattle       | 115                 | 31       | 47     | 37      |         |          |
| S. America    | 16                  | 16       |        |         |         |          |
| England       | 4                   | 4        |        |         |         |          |
| Canada        | 10                  | 10       |        |         |         |          |
| Japan & S'hai | 51                  | 51       |        |         |         |          |
| Sea Post      | 22                  | 22       |        |         |         |          |
| For Canton    |                     |          |        |         |         |          |
| From          |                     |          |        |         |         |          |
| Seattle       | 32                  | 17       | 26     | 9       |         |          |
| S. America    | 10                  | 10       |        |         |         |          |
| Canada        | 6                   | 6        |        |         |         |          |

### COLOFN Y CYMRO.

Amwyll Gydhwadwyr.  
Drwy garedigrwydd golygydd parhau y papyr clodfawr hwn wele ni wedi cael rhan o golofn—colofn gyfari os bydd eisieu—er i ni ddal cymhleth a gilydd yn mynigau'r dydd, hanes a newyddion ein gwlad, pa rai, challen, ngt ydynt o lawer diddordeb i rai fwyaf tu hwnt i glawdd Olla.

Cren pellder anwydded ac i ni sydd yna yn y dyddiau mae Cymru yn fwy o gyfari na phan gadawom ei thraethau ac y collasom olwg ar ei hon fynyddau.

Mae pellter o wlad eu tadd fel rheol yn foddion i dymu estronid cenedl at eu gilydd. Gwir yw hyn, am y Cymry. Mae'r moroddol unawr wedi llynebu pob teimlad o gubri ac yswilder ac yr ydym yn siglo dwylaw fel hwylyr. Bod cymdeithasol iawn yw y Cymro.

Mae'r iaith heb amser yn llawn swyn a chredyn bydd yr ychydig hyn o wythnos i wythnos yn foddion i'n gwneud i deimlo yn fwy lopus a chertrefol yni yw hwn o'r byd.

Yr ydym yn byw mewn byd sydd yn mynd yn gyflym iawn rhugddo, ac yr ydym yn symud gydag ef. Wedi treilio llynyddau maith yma tunc perid i ni goli golwg, er collod i ni ac i'n gwlad, ar y cyfnewidiadau cyfrin sydd yn cymeryd lle yn Sgyrn.

Amcan y golofn hon fydd ein cadw mewn cyffwrddiad a synudiadau ein gwlad a'n cenedl. Yr ydym i gyd o hosi't yn edrych ymlen at yr amser y dychwelwn i Gymru fad. Cadw'n felly ein hunaniaeth fel Cymry, a than gwladgarol yn llosgi yn ein mynweu, fel y cawn ein hunain pan dychwelwn yn gallu cymeryd ein lle yn nyl cymdeithasol ein gwladand gyfhoeddi, mid wedi colli, ond yn hytrach wedi euili profiadau yn ystod amser ein holludiad, pa rai fydd o ddiddordeb a gwerth i'n cydhwadwyr.

### ENGLISH SUMMARY.

Readers of English may be interested to know what the above Welsh Notes contain. The following is a brief précis:—

"The Editor's kindness in allowing us part of the whole of a column for our Welsh notes."

Object of Notes—to keep us in touch with the movements and changes in our native land—to keep the Celtic fire burning—so that when our time of sojourn in a strange land is over, we shall return to the social life of our various spheres not having lost any of our love and enthusiasm for things Welsh, but having gained experiences during our absence which will be of interest and benefit to our fellow countrymen.

### SECÇÃO PORTUGUESA.

As encerramos nas colunas deste jornal a Secção Portuguesa é nosso dever prestar alguns esclarecimentos sobre o motivo que a originou. Esta Secção é dirigida por um português que, a convite do Editor deste jornal, ficará à testa da mesma.

Ela será publicada semanalmente nos sábados. Antes de mais nada, o autor pretende justificar o motivo porque aceitou esse encargo.

A pessoa que dirige esta Secção não é um escritor.

E' apenas um modesto expatriado que, na falta dum jornal defensor dos interesses da Comunidade Portuguesa, procura substituir esta lacuna.

Desde já pede a benevolência dos leitores para os seus escritos pois que apenas virão redigidos em termos compreensíveis e neles não entrarão as flores da Retórica. E' escusado traçar o delineamento do seu programa porque só tratará de assuntos de interesse para a Comunidade Portuguesa.

Também se publicarão quaisquer notícias da pátria, que sejam importantes.

No espírito de alguns, decerto, surgirá este adágio:—"Roupa suja lava-se em casa." Responderá o autor que sendo português e portuguesa a linguagem empregada, já não haverá motivo para aplicação desse adágio.

Aqueles que queiram com artigos de interesse para a Comunidade colaborar nesta Secção podem mandá-los a esta redacção, que serão bem-vindos.

Os que não puderem expressar-se bem em português, podem fazê-lo em inglês, que o autor se prestará a tradução dos seus escritos. Confiante espera o autor que esta Secção despertará interesse entre os membros da Comunidade Portuguesa, que, por certo, não deixarão de ler e nela colaborar, quando entenderem que daí resultarão benefícios mais ou menos sensíveis para o bem-estar e progresso da mesma Comunidade.

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### OUR LITERARY LOBBY.

#### LOCAL GOSSIP FOR BOOKY PEOPLE.

It is said the spring publishing season of 1923 has been decidedly uninteresting. It is difficult to discover a new book which by common consent has risen above the general level. . . . Mr. A. G. Gardiner's "Life of Sir William Harcourt" is being read by all interested in politics, and generally is being praised. Mr. Gardiner was lately the Editor of the *Daily News*. . . . *Secret Pepper* among the novels, is arousing attention, if only by reason of its theme—that of a young woman who turns prostitute for a time in order to acquire wealth for a definite end. The author's capacity has aroused respect and his future work will certainly receive a great deal of notice. . . . *Men Like Gods* has been condemned as a mediocre rehash of old ideas of the author, but it has also been welcomed as a genuine revival in Wells's power to write a novel which nobody else could have written. . . . The *Gramophone*, Compton Mackenzie's journal, is by all accounts, very good. It gives a clear lead to the gramophonist—for we all have gramophones. It is candid, full of Mackenziean quips and cranks, and has a solid core of usefulness. It tells owners of gramophones what records are good and what are less good. It lists records and criticises them. Above all, it explains what records are severely "cut." This is one of the terrors of the gramophone user. The *Gramophone* has therefore its utility. It should succeed. . . . Selfridge, the London-American Big-Store merchant has blossomed into authorship having written *The Romance of Commerce*. It should have a big turn-over. . . . Dr. Henrik Van Loon who wrote the *Story of Mankind* is now engaged in rewriting the Bible, and reducing it from 1,250,000 to 120,000 words. . . . Here is his idea of the first chapter of Genesis:—

"In the beginning the earth floated through space in somnolence and darkness. There was no land, but the endless waters of the deep ocean covered our vast empires. Then the spirit of Jehovah came brooding over the scene, contemplating mighty things. And Jehovah said: 'Let there be light,' and the first rays of light appeared amidst the darkness. . . . 'This,' Jehovah said, 'I shall call the day.' . . . But soon the flickering light came to an end and all was as it had been before. Then Jehovah said, 'This shall be called night.' . . . Then he rested from his labours, and so ended the first of all days. Van Loon points out that he is not out to teach, but to tell. That he is out to reach the people 'who just won't read the Bible as it appears now.' . . . Here is an extract from a book of stories by Miss Gertrude Stern who, according to her publishers' specialises 'in the anatomy of the brain and direction of brain tracts':—

"Helen Furr was gay there, she was gayer and gayer there and really she was just gay there, she was gayer and gayer there, that is to say she found ways of being gay there that she was using in being gay there. She was gay there, not gayer and gayer, just gay there, that is to say she was not gayer by using the things she found there that were gay things, she was gay there, always she was gay there. . . . Miss Stern can almost improve on this as the following goes to prove:—

"A clever saucer, what is a clever saucer, a clever saucer is very likely practised and even has toes, it has tiny things to shake and really if it were not for a delicate blue colour would there be any reason for every one to differ? . . . After this, what shall we say of our Dells and Correllis? . . . Attempts are being made in America by certain Societies to suppress such books as *A Young Girl's Diary*, and *Casanova's Homecoming*, both regarded in certain circles as distinct contributions to literature. . . . T. Fisher Unwin Ltd. are issuing the novels of Mark Rutherford, which should have a wide appeal. A "Clandius Clear" (the late Sir W. Robertson Nicoll of "The British Weekly") letter gives a concise account of the life and work of Mark Rutherford. . . . There is nothing much to say this week. The Book Club meets on Monday at 6.30 p.m., and starts another year with a hundred of the very best. These will be added to as the year progresses.

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## COUNTY CRICKET.

## MANY DRAWN GAMES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, August 31. At Lord's, Middlesex led Kent on the first innings. Kent's first innings amounted to 243, J. L. Bryan contributing 98, and Lee taking 7 wickets for 77. Middlesex replied with 310, Hendren being responsible for 172.

At the Oval, Warwickshire obtained points for a first innings lead over Surrey. Warwickshire were all out for 286 (Stephens 61 and Quaife (W.) 56). Surrey's score was 235 (Ducat 68).

Lancashire secured a first-innings decision over Gloucestershire at Manchester. The visitors only scored 89, Parkin securing 6 wickets for 49 and Lancashire replied with 150, Parker having 7 wickets to his credit for 57 runs.

Yorkshire, at Brighton, led Sussex on the first innings. Yorkshire knocked out 135 (Tate 4 wickets for 40) and Sussex made 129 (Robinson 4, wickets for 42 and Kilner (R.) 4 for 36). In their second venture Sussex had 5 wickets down for 48, Macaulay taking 4 wickets for 24.

At Portsmouth, Hampshire defeated Somerset by 166 runs. Mead (Hants.) scored 73 runs. Somerset's first innings closed for 60 runs, Kennedy taking 7 wickets for 37 and Newman 3 for 23. In the second innings Somerset were all out for 85, Kennedy annexing a further 5 wickets for 35 runs and Newman 4 for 39.

At Worcester, the match between the home county and the West Indies team was left drawn. Worcester's first innings score was 223 (John 6 wickets for 65). The visitors replied with 145 (Pearson 6 wickets for 75). When stumps were drawn Worcestershire had 8 wickets down for 175 runs, Gordon contributing 68 not out.

## UNACCEPTABLE.

## GREEK REPLY TO ITALY.

"CERTAIN DECISIONS" FOLLOW.

ROME, August 31.

Signor Mussolini has communicated to the Cabinet the Greek reply which was declared unacceptable. Certain decisions were consequently reached. The Ministers of War and Marine both made statements on the situation.

## CHANCE FOR L.O.N.

ATHENS, August 31.

Italy not accepting the Greek note, Greece telegraphed at midday to the League of Nations asking it to examine the dispute in accordance with the covenant of the League. M. Montagna visited the Foreign Minister at midday and is reported to have handed him a new note.

## GREEK FLAG BURNED.

LONDON, August 31.

Further anti-Greek demonstrations reported from Italy include the burning of the Greek flag in the square at Trieste.

## FRIENDS AGAIN.

## U.S.A. AND MEXICO.

DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS RENEWED.

NEW YORK, August 31.

A formal statement says the Governments of the United States and Mexico in view of the reports and recommendations of their respective commissioners and the result of the American-Mexican conferences at Mexico City have resolved to renew diplomatic relations. Therefore pending the appointment of ambassadors they are taking the necessary steps to accredit formerly their respective *chargés d'affaires*.

It is formally announced that the United States has recognised the Mexican Government.

## IRISH ELECTIONS.

## LATEST RESULTS.

LONDON, August 31.

The State of parties in the Irish Elections at 6 p.m. to-day was—  
Government..... 45  
Republicans..... 31  
Independents..... 15  
Labour..... 11  
Farmers..... 9

## BIG ENGINEERING MERGER.

## ANGLO-AMERICAN SCHEME.

NEW YORK, August 31.

The Internal Combustion Engineering Corporation of New York is reported to be negotiating with Vickers Limited with a view to the formation of a new English corporation wherein the two companies will be jointly interested.

## COMING IN.

## AMERICA AND INTERNATIONAL COURT.

MINNEAPOLIS, August 31.

The American Bar Association has endorsed the proposal that the United States participate in membership of the Court of International Justice at the Hague.

## ON DANGER LIST.

## "ALPS MARU" AFIRE.

LONDON, August 31.

It is reported that the "Alps Maru," which is a fire in number five hold off Gravesend, has been taken on the dangerous list. She will probably have to be beached and her hold flooded.

## LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

## IRELAND WANTS TO JOIN.

GENEVA, August 31.

The opening sitting of the Council of the League of Nations presided over by Viscount Ishii decided to refer the Irish and Abyssinian applications for membership to a committee.

## THE DAVIS CUP.

## AN AUSTRALIAN VICTORY.

NEW YORK, September 1.

In the first singles match, in the challenge round for the Davis Cup, Anderson (Australia) beat Johnson (America). The scores were 4-6; 6-2; 2-6; 7-5 and 6-2.

## BOY GOLFERS.

LONDON, August 31.

At Dunbar, in the final of the boys' golf championship A. D. Mathieson, of Edinburgh Academy, the champion for 1921, beat H. S. Mitchell, of Sandwich, the holder, 3 up and one to play.

## HOLLAND'S QUEEN.

## SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS.

## THE HAGUE EN FETE.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

THE HAGUE, August 31.

The city was beautifully decorated at the commencement of the Queen's silver jubilee fêtes. The floral decorations at the Royal Palace were the most noteworthy. The Queen, with the Prince and Princess, made a triumphant entry into the city in the afternoon from their seaside cottage at Scheveningen amid the cheers of an immense crowd.

The guilds with triumphal cars and banners paraded before the Palace. Knights Military of the Wilhelm Order, headed by General Snijders, paid homage to Her Majesty. The Queen attended a great demonstration of loyalty on the Malleveld parade ground where massed choral societies sang patriotic songs and Bands played old Dutch marches and a Jubilee medal was presented to Her Majesty. There was a great display of fireworks in the evening.

## ITALY AND TANGIER.

## A SEMI-OFFICIAL EXPLANATION.

ROME, September 1.

It is semi-officially stated that the despatch of 12 carabinieri to Tangier has no political significance. The sole object is to safeguard order in the recent serious incident between the Consular Guards and the Moroccan Police.

The Italian destroyer "Audace," which transported the Carabinieri, has apparently already left Tangier.

ATHENS, August 31.

A telegram reports that the Italian Legation at five in the evening handed the Greek Foreign Minister a note announcing that the Italians occupied Corfu at four o'clock. The Note declared this a peaceful and temporary measure.

The Italian Legation advised the Greek Government at noon that the Greek Note is unsatisfactory and at five in the evening a five-hour ultimatum will be handed to Greece but at hour of occupation announced. As stated the occupation has aroused great indignation.

## MARKS AND FRANCS.

LONDON, August 31.

German marks were quoted at 52,500,000, French francs at 80/87½ and Belgian francs at 98.65.

## CRICKET.

## ANNUAL MEETING HELD OF LEAGUE.

Mr. G. R. Sayer presided at the annual meeting of the Hongkong Cricket League, held in the H.K.C.C. Pavilion last evening. Ten clubs were represented. The minutes of last meeting having been read and confirmed, the annual report and accounts were adopted.

The report stated: There were ten entries to the First Division which was won by the University, the other Clubs in order of merit being—Hongkong C.C., Indian R.C., Civil Service C.C., Kowloon C.C., R.G.A., Navy, Craigengower C.C., Chinese R.C., Infantry (scratched).

In the Second Division, the Indian R.C. were the winners, the other entrants being—University, Royal Engineers, Police R.C., Civil Service C.C. and Kowloon C.C.

The Accounts show a balance of \$257.60 to the credit of the League.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Sir Claud Severn was re-elected President of the League, with Mr. G. R. Sayer as Vice-President. Mr. Owen Hughes was elected Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

## THE ENTRIES.

The following teams have entered for the competition this year: "A" Division—Hongkong, Civil Service, University, R.G.A., Kowloon, Navy, C.R.C., Craigengower, Indian R.C.  
"B" Division—Hongkong, R.E., Navy, C.R.C., Civil Service, Indian R.C., University and Kowloon.

It was decided that one match be played in the first division and two in the second, and fixtures were arranged, blank dates being left for two interesting matches proposed—H.K.C.C. v. The Rest on 10th, and 12th. November; last Interport team v. The Rest on December 29 and January 1.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The names of Messrs. Robert Wallace Bateman and Oliver Frederick Savage have been added to the list of authorised architects.

The Hongkong Book Club holds its annual meeting on Monday next at 5.30 p.m. in the Sanitary Dept's Board Room, third floor Post Office building.

The appointment of Mr. Harold Thomas Cressy as Director of Public Works, Vice-President of the Sanitary Board, and member of the Executive and Legislative Councils is gazetted.

"Telegraphic advice has been received by the Admiralty Oriental Line to the effect that silk shipped per s.s. "President McKinley," which sailed from this port on August 2, 10.00 a.m., arrived in New York August 25, 6.00 a.m. Total time en route—22 calendar days, 20 hours."

## COMMERCIAL COMMENT.

## GENERAL TRADE CONDITIONS.

## NO REVIVAL YET.

A leading business man interested in a good many lines expressed the opinion to-day that there was little possibility of a trade revival in the next few months. Economic conditions he thought almost impossible, at least for another six months, but he added that although nearly everybody complains about bad trade, moderate business is being done. The result was that conservative firms with enterprising connections could always rope in a number of small orders which would keep things going. He was optimistic enough to think that a few hongs would have satisfactory turnovers to report by the end of the year and added that in these times there was little room for rash speculation which would lead to far-reaching crashes.

Regarding local conditions, he pointed out that the political chaos seemed impossible of solution and this would be a cloud on the commercial horizon for some time. No matter how pressing a natural demand may be, merchants would feel restrained unless all military danger was removed. Still, people had to buy, and this would mean a steady stream of hand-to-mouth orders. Prospects for export were not as bright, a there was only moderate demand from Europe and America.

## PIECEGOODS.

European importers report booking for broadcloths. Prices were fair but it was stated that in some cases, the manufacturers or importers had to work on very close margins to come in line with dealers' offers.

Locally, there has been some demand for winter goods. Non-interference with the West River steamers has been a helping factor as it is possible to ship goods direct to Wuchow. However, prospects are not as bright for Canton. Canton buyers are restricting their purchases, the general opinion being that they are merely buying enough to show their patrons that they are "still alive." Hongkong dealers who have goods at slightly cheaper prices have parted with them at a reduced rate, which are not considered as ruling quotations. On the whole, the market is steady with rates lower than those prevailing three weeks ago. The bigger dealers seem inclined to hang on to their lots till an improvement sets in.

## PROVISIONS.

A provision merchant reports trade as fair with prices steady. Deliveries from godowns and exports are considered satisfactory.

## METALS TRANSACTIONS.

Yesterday it was reported that agents for Shantung principals had bought 500 piculs of Bar Ends at \$4.85 per picul, immediate clearance. This, of course, is only a trifle and is merely given as a criterion of the market.

Steel Plates—A small lot, said to be about 30 tons, was booked for instant at what is considered a low price, viz., \$5 10 per picul ¼ to ¾, 4 x 8.

Steel Rods—Small indents were placed for 3/16 to 3/8 sizes at \$6.25 per picul. Bars, ½ to 1" were also done at \$5.60.

## "WOODBERRY."

Ship-chandlers are reported to be interested in "Woodberry," standard quotations being about 63 cents per yard, 22 inches width. Although it is stated that supplies in America are not large, local buyers are waiting and the volume of business is not as large as could be wished.

## EXPORT OF POTATOES.

There has been some inquiry for various exports. As there are many grades sold on the local market it is difficult to give rates.

## NAM PAK HONG.

## RICE STILL GOING UP.

The continued demand for rice to replace Kwangtung crops ruined by floods and typhoons has had its effect in rice prices moving steadily upwards. This is about the only commodity in which merchants are willing to run risks by shipping cargoes to "danger zones." Siam rice has come in for special attention as stocks are small. Business was done this morning basis delivery ex ship, gross weight for net usual guild terms, at \$7.90 for best quality, No. 1; Siam long. A slightly inferior grade also sold as No. 1 fetched \$7.60. No. 1 Saigon long white changed hands at between \$6.40 and \$6.68 per picul on the same terms.

## SUGAR IMPROVING.

Some recovery has been evident in the local market for Java sugar. No 24 rough white (new crop) is quoted at \$12.50 per picul, one month's delivery, net weight, usual guild terms. No 24 fine white is very steady at \$13.00 and No. 18 rough brown is nominal at \$11.80. Brown sugar was sold to a Hankow buyer at \$10.78. No quotations for "futures" are available as inquiries are lacking.

U. S. FLOUR. There is no change to record, a fair volume of business being done. Contrary to expectations prices have not receded after purchases for the Mooncake festival have completed. Prices per 50 lb. sack are as follows:—

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| "Sperry's X X X" | \$3.62 |
| "White Greens"   | 2.98   |
| "Birds"          | 2.96   |
| "Dayton"         | 2.90   |
| "White Rose"     | 2.88   |

## HONGKONG IMPORTS.

## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT.

In their fortnightly report and prices current, the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce writes:—

Cotton piece goods and fancy cotton goods:—Some cheap sales of Indigo Prints are reported for forward shipment. There is an entire absence of demand for Grey and White Shirtings. Generally speaking our Market is quiet and prospects are uncertain.

Cotton Yarn:—A few hundred bales of chops suitable for Yunnan have changed hands. Prices have receded from \$2 to \$3 per bale and market closed on the easy side. There are still no enquiries from other consuming districts.

Quotations are:—No. 10s \$160/185. No. 12s \$170/200. No. 16s \$190/205. No. 20s \$180/205.

Arrivals 300 bales. Shipments nil. Sales 500 bales. Unsold stock 12,300 bales. Bargains 5,000 bales. Woollens:—Business has been almost at a standstill with typhoon and heavy rains. Clearances are bad.

Raw Cottons:—No sales to report and prices are unchanged.

Metals:—Market very quiet and prices practically unchanged. No business reported.

Flour Market Report:—Stock: 150,000 sacks. Market steady.

Quotations:—American Patent \$3.60 per sack. American Straight \$2.98 per sack. American Cut off \$2.95 per sack. Shanghai Flour \$3.00 per sack. Australian No. 1 \$2.98 per sack.

Sugar:—Market firmer.

Salt:—No activity in the market owing to the continued Chinese fighting.

## SHIP BUILDING SLUMP.

LONDON, August 30. The extraordinary depression prevailing in the British ship building industry, is shown by the fact that not a single contract has been reported as placed on the Clyde or the East Coast of Scotland during August, while Clyde launchings for August only totalled 1,865 tons:—*Reuter*.

## ANGLO-RUSSIAN TRADE.

LONDON, August 30. The British Government has instructed its Moscow representative to inform the Soviet Government that M. Rakovsky may now proceed to England as Soviet official trade representative:—*Reuter*.

## FRANCO-SINO DISPUTE.

LONDON, Aug. 31. The *Daily Telegraph* diplomatic correspondent says that a serious Franco-Chinese controversy, is progressing over France's insistence that the Boxer Indemnity be paid in gold francs, not paper. In the event of a refusal France threatens not to ratify the Washington Treaty authorising China to raise customs dues:—*Reuter*.

## HOME TRADE.

Messrs. James F. Hutton and Co., Ltd., Manchester, reported as follows on July 25:—

After a slightly hardening tendency at the beginning of the week, American cotton prices have eased off sharply owing apparently to a rapid change to more favourable weather conditions for the growing crop. In consequence of this the outlook for a much increased crop is considered to be considerably strengthened. Speculators appear to have developed some nervousness as the better conditions are likely to materially affect the next Bureau report. Near months have naturally been weakest owing to the heavy selling that has taken place, and the continued dullness of the textile manufacturing industries. The close is weak but any further substantial break is hardly to be looked for for some time. Spot sales at Liverpool continue to be very meagre, and buying is apparently being postponed as long as possible, owing to the existing premium for old crops in the Manchester market trading:

has again been dull and spinners and manufacturers who have sold a week's production are few in the extreme. There is a fair amount of enquiry about but only a very small portion of this gets away near to business, and the outstanding feature continues to be the smallness of the lots arranged. Both cloth and yarn prices have weakened appreciably recently as spinners have not found it possible to maintain their slightly improved basis of prices in the present stagnant state of trade. The new weakness of the raw material is not calculated to induce any more freedom in buying just yet. Yarn prices are very irregular, and generally ¼d per lb. lower. Export demand is extremely poor. Inquiry for China has fallen off considerably and beyond some small lines of fancies and grey shirtings little has been done. For India inquiry is fair but offers are very poor and there is much hesitation before purchases are made. Grey Shirtings, light whites, prints and a few fancies are the main articles in demand. The *Slipster* Settlement and Java continue to do little, only small miscellaneous orders going through. Egypt and the Levant are also dull and practically nothing is being sold for South America. The African markets still fail to show any improvement in their buying power.

## SHANGHAI TRADE.

## HOT WEATHER CAUSES DULL WEEK.

It has been a particularly quiet week, with a bare minimum of business in any line says the *M. C. Daily News*. Some give as the reason the actual fighting that has been reported, others say the calm is due to the fighting it is believed is coming, others again blame it on to the disturbing influence of the Parliamentarians in Shanghai, and a fair number assert that it is no worse than ever happens during the annual holiday period. There remain some who frankly admit that there is business to be done and plenty of people still here to do it, but they simply will not work on account of the heat, and to prove this contention one merchant declared, "I have only had one inquirer all the week and he only came in to get a cooling drink."

## BRAZIL SUGAR.

The British Commercial Secretary at Rio de Janeiro reports that the sugar crop in Brazil for 1923-24 has been officially calculated at 10,973,500 bags, of 60 kilos, each.

The net profit of the P. & O. Banking Corporation for the year to March 31st, after providing for taxation, bad and doubtful debts and valuing investments at market rates, amounted to £139,383, to which had to be added £14,043 brought in. The profit for the previous twelve months, after setting aside £59,770 for taxation, totalled £159,300. The directors have placed £25,000 to the reserve increasing that fund to £115,000 while a dividend of 5½ per cent, less tax, is recommended, the same as before, leaving £15,175 to carry forward.

The balance sheet and profit and loss account of the Nederlandsche Handel-Maatschappij to December 31st last shows net profits amounting to fl.5,619,847.78 (£468,321). This compares with fl.6,329,817 (£527,484) in the previous year. After providing for the statutory reserve to the extent of fl.323,969.56 (£26,997), a dividend of 6 per cent has been declared. This compares with fl.465,961 (£38,830) and 7 per cent in 1921. The report notes that banking business decreased generally, and that exchange business was generally unprofitable.

A shocking accident occurred at Bedlington Colliery, Northumberland, during the erection of a platform near the screens. Hubert Straker, a workman, got entangled in a rope and was drawn into the shafting which drives the screens and whirled round the drum several times, with fatal result.

The Prince of Wales was present at the Imperial Sports Rally held by the British Legion at the Wembley Stadium, London. At the conclusion of the Imperial relay race for the shield presented by the King, the Prince awarded the trophy and prizes to members of the Australian team, the victors of the race.

Shortly after celebrating her 100th birthday Mrs. Julia Ransom, of Addlestone, Surrey, died. Her death in tragic circumstances. Left momentarily alone, she got out of bed and fell on a fender, fracturing one of her hips. She was picked up and lifted back into bed, but died three days later from shock.

A verdict of accidental death was recorded at Westminster at an inquest on Mrs. Matilda Barden, of Soho, London. According to the evidence, Mrs. Barden, who weighed 22 stone, fell downstairs and received a cut under the knee. She was medically attended, but later she died from shock.





Eugene Criqui, the French fighter, who took the world's championship in the featherweight division away from Johnny Kilbane, defended his title in a 15-round battle with Johnny Dundee, the American challenger, at the Polo Grounds, New York City, on Thursday, July 26.



Benny Leonard, world's champion lightweight fighter, will have one of the toughest battles of his ring career when he meets Lew Tendler, of Philadelphia, in a 15-round decision fight, at the Yankee Stadium, New York City.



This is the latest photograph of Pope Pius XI, with a group of the Vatican officials, taken on the occasion of a tour of inspection by His Holiness.



Harry R. Pine, 17, recent graduate of the Camden County High School, is held in Camden on the charge of having been implicated in a number of daring house robberies. The boy, preparing for the ministry, comes from a wealthy family and was always well supplied with spending money. Only two weeks before his arrest he filled the pulpit of the Union Methodist Episcopal Church, in Camden, in the absence of the regular pastor.



In the double deaths of B. H. De Lay and R. L. Short, Los Angeles police are investigating what is reported to have been the first aerial murder. De Lay, a pilot, had taken Short up for a ride, and both were killed in a crash. De Lay's friends charged that the plane had been tampered with by his enemies before the flight, after several other efforts to kill him had proved unavailing.



Bishop Samuel G. Babcock, suffragan bishop of the Massachusetts Diocese of the Methodist Episcopal Church, defends Rev. George L. Paine, Boston clergyman, who engaged in a timely hay "tickling part" with the wife of Lieutenant W. M. Hague, U. S. N., during which he tried to kiss Mrs. Hague. The episode resulted in Lieutenant Hague striking him in the jaw.



Mrs. Sabella Nitti Cradelle, the first woman ever sentenced to die on the gallows in Chicago, is shown here with her second husband, Peter Cradelle, under a similar sentence. Mrs. Cradelle already has tried to kill herself and is under constant guard. The two were convicted of murdering Mrs. Cradelle's first husband, Frank Nitti, a farmer, near Stickney, on July 22, 1922. The conviction promises to cause trouble in some Chicago families, the wife of one of the jurors already having declared she will leave him if the woman is hanged.



Miss Janet Moffett, daughter of Rear Admiral Moffett, chief of the United States Naval Air Service, is taking lessons in flying at the Naval Air Station at Anacostia. She is the first of the Washington society girls to take up aviation and is shown standing at the side of her father's personal aeroplane, in which she is taking her lessons.



Here is an exclusively posed portrait of Margherita of Savoy, Queen Mother of Italy, mother of the present King. She was born in Turin, November 20, 1851. Her husband, King Umberto, died in 1900. The Queen Mother is a daughter of Ferdinand, Duke of Genoa. Queen Margherita is noted for her example of what a "perfect Queen" should be and is beloved by her people. Queen Margherita has just turned her famous Villa Adolbrandine, the most historic residence in Rome over to Crown Prince Humbert. During the war the Queen Mother turned her place into a hospital and lived with the nurses. The portrait is the work of the famous Italian artist, Corcos.

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